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SUBJECT: SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR BILATERAL REVIEW OF CONSULAR
RELATIONS

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1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS THAT EMBASSY MAY RESPOND FAVORABLY
TO IPPOLITOV'S PROPOSAL FOR BILATERAL REVIEW OF CONSULAR
ISSUES. WE WILL CONSIDER AT LATER DATE QUESTIONS OF
WHETHER WE WOULD WISH REVIEW TO DEVELOP INTO NEGOTIATIONS,
AND HOW RESULTS OF ANY SUCH NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE CODI-
FIED. AT THIS POINT EMBASSY SHOULD ONLY INFORM MFA THAT
US SIDE WELCOMES AND ACCEPTS SUGGESTION FOR REVIEW, AND THAT
EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT ARE STARTING WORK ON LIST OF POSSIBLE
TOPICS. WE WOULD EXPECT TO EXCHANGE LISTS OF TOPICS WITH
MFA PRIOR TO SCHEDULING REVIEW.

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2. WE BELIEVE IPPOLITOV'S PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN REVIEW

WOULD ENHANCE POTENTIAL FOR CONSTRUCTIVE RESULTS, AND WE HOPE HE WOULD PARTICIPATE PERSONALLY.

3. PLEASE PROVIDE EMBASSY'S SUGGESTED TOPICS PER PARA 6 REFTEL. THE FOLLOWING COME TO MIND HERE AS POSSIBILITIES:

A. CLARIFICATION OF OBLIGATION OF HOST COUNTRY TO INFORM EMBASSY WHEN ONE OF ITS CITIZENS IS BEING QUESTIONED OR TEMPORARILY DETAINED BUT NOT ARRESTED, AND OBLIGATION OF HOST COUNTRY AUTHORITIES TO ASSIST THAT CITIZEN IN PHONING HIS EMBASSY OR CONGEN.

B. PROBLEMS AND INCONVENIENCE CAUSED AMERICAN CITIZENS BY SOVIET EXIT VISA REQUIREMENT. US HAS NO RECIPROCAL REQUIREMENT. RELATED IS PROBLEM CAUSED BY INACCESSIBILITY OF OVIR ON WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS.

C. PORTS OF ENTRY-AND-EXIT QUESTION.

D. MULTIPLE VISAS FOR JOURNALISTS AND ALL BUSINESSMEN.

E. ACCESS OF SOVIET CITIZENS TO CONSULAR SECTIONS OF EMBASSY AND CONGENS. WHILE IT SEEMS UNLIKELY SOVIETS WOULD PERMIT FREE ACCESS OF SOVIET CITIZENS TO OUR POSTS AT THIS TIME, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAKE SOME IMPROVEMENT IN PRESENT SITUATION.

F. EFFECT OF CSCE ACT ON CONSULAR PRACTICE IN BOTH COUNTRIES.

G. CONSULAR OFFICERS' ACCESS TO LOCAL OFFICIALS SUCH AS OVIR. KISSINGER

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